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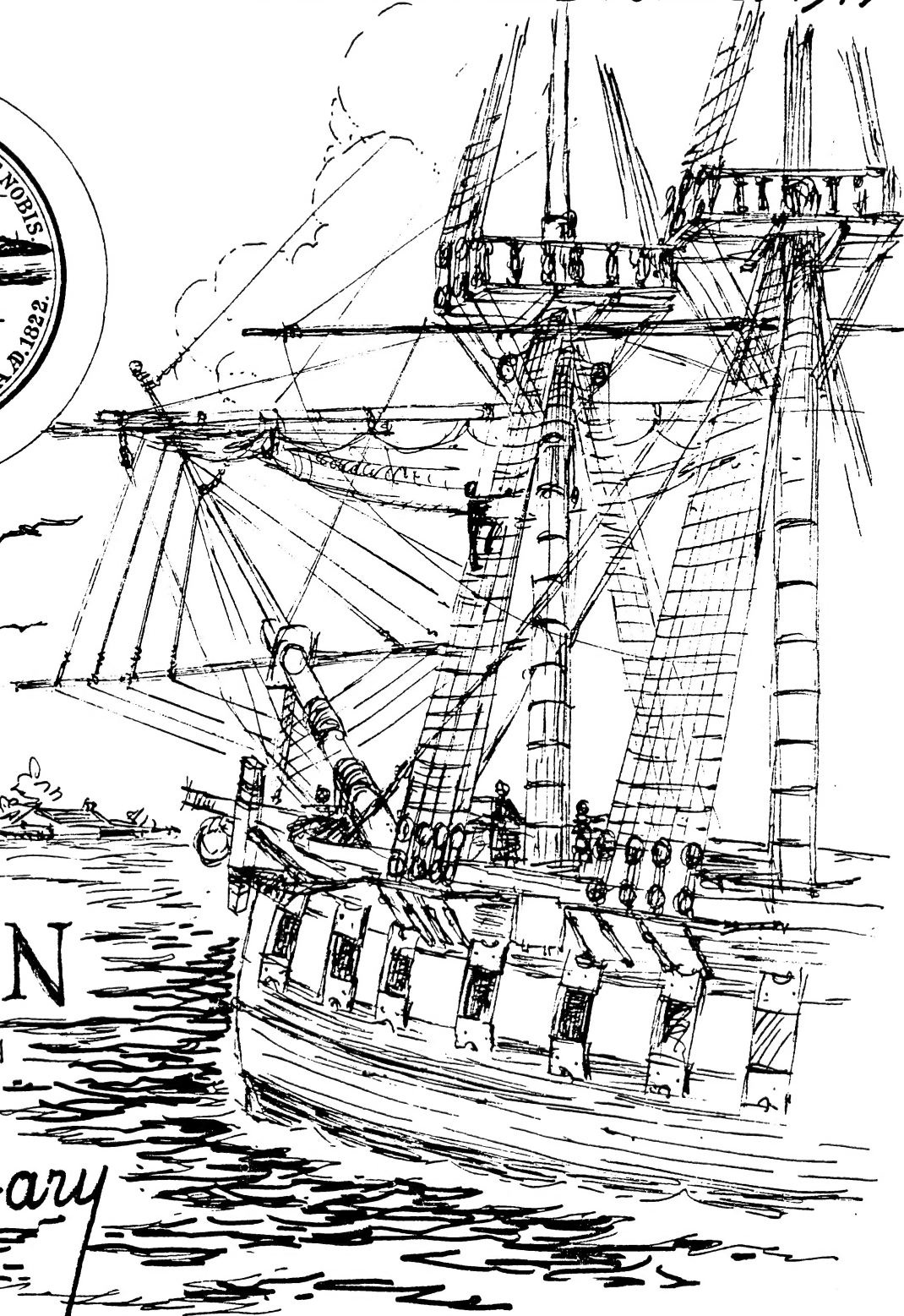
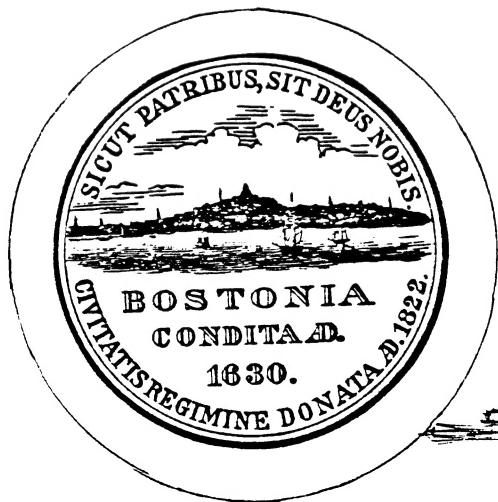


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PHILMONT CLUB NETS

Net Control Chairman: Howard Trout, W3IGW

Nets are conducted weekly as listed below. All amateurs are invited to check-in, members or non-members alike, with or without traffic. The nets are informal with net control stations serving on a rotating basis.

All Nets Sunday 10 meters (29.493 MHz) 1000 hrs; 75 meters (3993 kHz) SSB 1020 hrs;
 80 meters CW (3610 kHz) 1030 hrs;
 2 meters FM (147.63/03 via W3QV/R) 0930 hrs.

IT SEEMS TO ME

Being a member of any organization entails certain obligations. The number and degree of those obligations may vary with the tenets of the organization but the obligation to aid in the growth, strengthening, and pursuit of ideals is basic. The same things that made the group appear attractive to us must be made to appear equally attractive to visitors and prospective new members.

A sponsor is defined by Webster as, "One who is responsible for the default of another." While the literal application of that definition to Philmont is much too stringent, the fact remains that a sponsor does have a dual responsibility. One to the club in endorsing only those whom he believes will be a credit to all of us; and another to the applicant by explaining our goals, our procedures, and our functional organization. The sponsor should introduce the applicant to as many members as possible. He should discuss active participation in one or more of the club's activities; and he should be sure that any special interest or ability of the applicant is made known to the President or to the appropriate committee or activity chairman. Only in this way will both the club and the new member benefit.

Signing the application is the final step for a sponsor, not the only step.

de K3KUD

Sam's CORNER



NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS?

AUG. 30

PREZ SEZ

Many thanks to the group which worked Paddlerama. Although I wasn't there, all reports have it a successful event.

Jim Spencer, W3BBB, also reports that the mobile repeater on MOCOM V worked ok with some desensing, but was adequate for the job.

All of Philmont's special activities requiring communications are suited to mobile-to-repeater operation and for those who don't know, Philmont's back-up (Standard) repeater is installed in MOCOM V.

In the past month I have been suffering from my annual bout with allergies, so I have been listening to, more than talking on, the repeater. I find, as with many of the popular repeaters in the area, our "machine" is busy from early morning to late at night, except at times when it is "unpolite" to talk with a mouthful of food.

Some of the conversation is well suited to repeater operation, but much of it belongs on simplex (de SRU, July '90 Blurb). Everyone knows it is boring to listen to a simplex channel, but why not monitor the repeater and move to simplex if possible for a rag-chew after making contact?

When fixed stations within simplex range can work mobiles they should do so. This is not to say that for every short QSO you should move off the repeater, but consider others who might need the repeater to pass traffic and keep the transmissions short, with pauses for breaking stations. Remember, "When your mouth is open your ears are closed."

I know I could go on and on but the Repeater Committee will publish their recommendations later this year and we can all say, "Do I do that?" "Let the one who is not guilty cast the first stone."

de WB3CMM

PS Welcome back to Ye Olde Ed, and best of luck to Bob and Peg at the new QTH.

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THE Q CODE

The Q code came into being internationally in 1912 to overcome the language problems involved in communications by radio among ships and shore stations of all countries. The original list of 50 adopted by international agreement in London contains many which are still familiar to amateur operators - QRN, QRM, QSO; the traffic operator's ORK, QSY, and QRV - are now well past the half-century mark in continuous usage. QSL still has the official 1912 definition despite the changed informal uses it is subjected to in amateur parlance.

Louise Ramsey Moreau via ARRL

PHILMONT CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

Aug. 4 General Meeting at Franklin Institute, 8:00 PM

Aug. 20 Director's Meeting at W3GQD, 8:00 PM

Any day Send in Clambake reservation

Sept. 2 BLURB folding at W3BBB, 7:15 PM

Note: September General Meeting is set back one week due to Labor Day.

MEETING REPORTS

June Director's Meeting: Held at the home of W3UY, the meeting was victimized by the summer doldrums and while much discussion took place, little business was transacted. Four new members were unanimously elected however, and we would like to welcome N3ABZ, KA3BEU, N3BEX, and W3IPK to Philmont.

July General Meeting: Held at the Franklin Institute on July 7 with 52 members and 20 visitors present. In addition to the Minutes and Treasurer's Report, reports from W3BBB on Paddlerama; W3PWG on W3TKQ; and K3KUD on the BLURB were presented. W3BBB also presented badges, directories, and copies of the By-Laws to new members.

The program for the evening was presented by W3ONS, and the subject was Earth Sheltered Houses. Using slides and verbal description, Bob provided information on this new energy-efficient method of constructing homes partially underground. The design and architectural features were interesting and well detailed by the slides. While the concept is relatively new to the East Coast there has been some construction of such houses in the Midwest and considering the energy situation, the approach certainly appears to have merit, and may one day soon be commonplace.

As always, W3PWG, K3RTR, and W3TEF had numerous goodies available to conclude the evening's events.

Sunday, August 17 is the date of the WARC Hamfest at the 309 Drive-In located at the intersection of Routes 309 and 63. Entrance is off Route 309, just north of Route 63.

We heard that Paul and Eunice Bohlander were cruising the high seas and for a brief time were under the impression that they were aboard Admiral Sadwin's "Love Boat". We later discovered however that they were actually aboard SS Vollandam and the Admiral's craft was engaged in other operations.

We would like to remind our exchange publications that Ye Olde Ed has a new address, and to again request that they correct their mailing list. We don't want to miss any of the great issues from which we so shamelessly lift material.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

Do you remember when "Ham" Beurger was located in Jenkintown? or before that, at Rice's Mill Road and Glenside Ave? or are you really old enough to remember the original location on Cheltenham Ave., across from the Erlen Theatre?

Do you remember John Lopes' mezzanine ham shack at AG Radio?

How about when 6-meter AM was hot and the Gonset G-50 was THE rig? or when the Heath Company was in the airplane business?

ARC-5 conversions (FM when we didn't mean it!) Hybrid converters? Vacuum tubes?

They may have been the Good Old Days but believe it, things are better today. The misfortune is that we are older!

Ye Olde Ed would like to thank Jim and Elaine Spencer for the fine job they did on the July BLURB. It was a great help to be relieved of the responsibility and to be able to devote my energy (?) to what at the time was a more immediate problem.

TID-BITS

Some of our newer members may wonder who, or what, W3QV was. W3QV was Brad Martin, a gentleman, a ham, a helping hand to many of us, and especially, a Philmonter. I first met him in the late '30's when I was an SWL and I'm happy that in later years I got to know him better and appreciate what kind of a man he was, as a ham, as a Naval officer, and as a friend.

The following excerpt from the Montgomery County FOP "Rap Sheet" for May, 1980 tells us a little more about Brad. The subject is a chronology of the Montgomery County, PA, communications system:

"1957 - Horace Wolfe resigns as Chief Engineer of the Radio Room. W. Bradley Martin is appointed to replace Wolfe by District Attorney DiJoseph."

During Brad's period of service as Chief Engineer, many changes and improvements were made which contributed to growth of the excellent police and fire radio system which now protects many of us and our families.

Fred Maia, W5YI, is making available the W5YI Report to any radio or computer hobbyist. There is no cost and reproduction of material is authorized, with a credit line. The publication is produced on a non-profit basis and will be forwarded for a period of approximately six months upon receipt of 10 SASE. Additional donations to help defray the cost of production are welcome, but not required.

Send SASE (not more than 20) to: The W5YI Report
PO Box 10101
Dallas, TX 75207

TRANSMITTER HUNT

At 1428 hrs on June 18 an interfering signal appeared on 147.63 mhz. The transmitter was located in a parked mobile in Elkins Park at 2405 hrs. The microphone button was stuck in the transmit position.

The culprit was located by using a 4 element beam, a compass at some distance and finally at close range, a simple field strength meter. Bearings were taken on the signal by KA3AMO, W3RM, KB3IV, W3SRU, W3VVS, and WA3KLR. The actual location of the transmitter was accomplished by W3BBB and son Rick, who called the car's owner and told him of the problem, of which he was not aware. He immediately unlocked the car and the transmitter was disabled.

There just ain't no escaping these Philmont guys!

The FCC, in the matter of Docket 21135, has released the Third Report and Order, dated June 10, 1980 which says in part:

"6.Therefore we believe that the public interest will be served by accommodating present licensees of club, military recreation, and RACES stations by granting renewal and modification of present licenses.No new call signs will be assigned"

We would like to express our thanks to Patti Gilpin who for the past many months has valiantly translated Ye Olde Ed's rough drafts into the final typed material which became the BLURB. For a non-ham, this has to be a really tough job, and Patti did it well.

CLAM BAKE TIME IS COMING! Saturday, September 6 is the date and Shearer's Farm is once again the location. Mark your calendar now, or even better, see Howard Trout, W3IGW, for your reservations. This is always a great deal of fun, with good food and a chance to meet the families of the gang on 03. Howard will have more information on costs and time in the forthcoming weeks.

CLAMBAKE RESERVATION

Name _____ Call _____

Number of meals:

Lobster (\$13.75) _____ Chicken(\$7.00) _____ Steak(\$10.00) _____

Steamed Clams (\$3.50/doz) _____ Raw Clams (\$3.75/doz) _____

Beer, coffee, soft-drinks, chips, pretzels, and other goodies included.

Mail this form with your check to Jake Kovalchek, AK2I, 1228 Heartwood Dr., Cherry Hill, NJ 08003. Reservations must be recieved by September 2.

PADDLERAMA 1980

Philmont once again provided communications for the Boy Scout Paddlerama, a 50 mile canoe race from Stroudsburg, PA to Tinicum Park at Point Pleasant, PA. The race is run in two legs, one on Saturday and the final one on Sunday. Winners are determined based on elapsed time and scores earned in negotiating the various gates.

Participating for Philmont were W3's BBB, ZPP, UY, PXY, IGW, YHV, and K3GNM, PHC, WA2RDC, WB3KOJ, W42YDS, K2RRC, WB3BPI, KB3IV, WB3AYA, WB3JOU, WB3COU, WB3KAB, WB3KAC, and N3ADI. Dave, WA2RDC, was at the command post in MOCOM V, W3BBB coordinated, WB3BPI and crew handled the sweep canoe and the rest of the participants relayed crew change times and penalty points from the various gates. Due to the efficient handling of the point total relays, scout officials were able to determine the leaders in record time.

W3YHV and his able cooking crew furnished salad, fresh bread, spaghetti and meatballs, (including hot sausage) and coffee for dinner. Sunday breakfast was pancakes and sausage, juice and coffee. Special thanks to BPI, AYA, JOU and COU who furnished, operated, and supplied the Sweep Canoe. This allowed BBB to spend much of his time eating, drinking, or snoozing in MOCOM V. Excellent cooperation produced an easy operation and a good weekend for those who like the outdoors, canoes, and Scouts. In addition, several crews of Girl Scouts added to a fun operation.

Tnx to W3BBB

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Name: Thomas R, Gadsby, W3WAW Handle: Tom
Address: 2128 Homer St
 Philadelphia, PA 19138
Occupation: Electronics Supervisor
Employer: Nuclear Research Co,
Telephone: (H) HA-4-5279 (B) 464-4434

Sponsored by: W3IRS; W3HNP

Action on this application will be taken at the September Director's Meeting.

CLAMBAKE ORDER ON OTHER SIDE - MAIL IT NOW!

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

<u>AUGUST</u>	(W3AWH) <u>80-meters*</u>	(W3GIF) <u>10-meters**</u>	(W3SRU) <u>2-meters***</u>
3	W3PWG	KB3CT	W3IGW
10	W3AOA	W3GIF	WB3CMM
17	W3SGR	WB3KUR	W3SRU
24	AK2I	W3KDO	K3PHC
31	W3AWH	WB3CMM	W3BBB

SEPTEMBER

7	W3PWG	KB3CT	W3WXC
14	W3AOA	W3GIF	W3AWG
21	W3SGR	WB3KUR	W3PST
28	AK2I	W3KDO	W3ZPP

75-meter SSB Net: 3993 KHz, 10:20-10:35 AM Net Controls as shown
 *80-meter CW Net: 3610 KHz, 10:30- AM NCS N3WW; Alternates W3RM, AK2I

**10-meter AM Net: 29.493 MHz, 10:00-10:15 AM NCS K3GBA; Alternate K3HIE
 10-meter SSB Net: 29.493 MHz, 10:15-10:30 AM NCS as shown

2-meter FM Net: 147.63/03 (W3QV/R) 9:30-10:15 AM NCS as shown

***2-meter Code Practice Net: 147.63/03 (W3QV/R) Tuesdays 8:00-9:00 PM
 NCS AK2I; Alternate W3ETM

Club Calling Period: 147.63/03 (W3QV/R) Every evening 7:00-7:05 PM
 Club 2-meter Simplex Frequency: 147.51 MHz

Ye Olde Ed had an interesting letter from Fred Shaw, W3ADV, which was prompted by the article on W3TKQ in the July '80 BLURB. Fred, who was the original Trustee of W3TKQ, detailed the history of the station from its inception and discussed some of the problems encountered in getting started. He also pointed out that Sam (Verse of Philmont), K3RTR, is the oldest operator at TKQ from the standpoint of service.

We turned the letter over The Keeper of The Archives in the hope that someone will undertake to write a complete history of the station, which we will be glad to publish. Any volunteers?

DON'T FORGET THE CLAMBAKE!!!

MAIL THE RESERVATION NOW !!!

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